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1. Although the suspension of constitutional liberties by the Guatemalan Government on 16 September 1947 was ascribed to the necessity of curbing Communist activities and foiling a plot by reactionaries, it appears that the Government has been much more disturbed by the latter than the former, and is using the situation as a means of ridding the country of its political enemies. Despite the avowed intention of the Government to deport Communists and radical labor leaders, not one has left the country, with the possible exception of Jose Arcadio Chavez, who is reported to be occupying a position in the Guatemalan Legation in Venezuela. On the other hand, a good many anti-Communists and "reactionaries", including Jorge Toriello, Col. Miguel Mendoza, Col. Guillermo Flores Avendano, Guillermo Echeverria Ibarra, Carlos Gutierrez Custodio, Gen. Mario Ochoa Mendez, Lic. Carlos Salazar, Guillermo Saenz de Tejada, Hugo Torselli, Col. Julio Pablo Garcia, and Mario Carrera Wyld are no longer in Guatemala, having been either invited or obliged to leave.
2. Alfredo Herbruger, Sub-Secretary of Foreign Affairs, in denying that his recent visit to Venezuela had anything to do with arranging asylum for banished Guatemalan radicals, declared that his trip was in connection with a trade treaty soon to be signed by the two countries. However, he is not generally believed, and it is suspected that when the smoke has cleared away, it will be found that a very few "big name" Communists, expelled for appearance's sake, have been sacrificed for the larger purpose of clearing out the political opponents of the government.

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